

THE WEATHER: Rain and warmer Saturday; Sunday colder and probably fair; fresh southeast winds shifting to northwest by Sunday.

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CZAR OF RUSSIA PRAISES AMERICA

Speaks Appreciatively of People in General and Great Men in Particular
NAME OF LINCOLN
And that of Roosevelt Linked Together by Emperor.

THE RUSSIAN RULER SHOWED NEITHER PHYSICAL OR MENTAL TRACES OF GREAT STRAIN HE IS UNDERGOING--EMPEROR PRESIDED AT MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Lewis Nixon, of New York, was received by Emperor Nicholas this evening. The audience took place in the palace at Tsarskoe-Selo and was unusually long for an audience of a private character, lasting over half an hour. Vice Admiral Bireck, minister of marine was present.

His majesty displayed not the slightest trace of the gloomy dejection in which he has been pictured and showed neither physical nor mental traces of the great strain he is undergoing.

The opportunity of meeting the American seemed to please him. He spoke in an appreciative vein of the United States, its people in general and great men in particular, linking the names of Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

EMPEROR PRESIDED AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Emperor Nicholas presided to-day at a meeting of the council of ministers. Much comment had been caused by the emperor's summons to Count Pahlen, a member of the council of the empire, and one of the oldest and most trusted servants of the house of Romanoff, who participated in the session, presumably to voice their views. Though the step was undoubtedly taken with the full approval of Count Witte it gave rise to a report that the emperor was losing confidence in the premier, and this was eagerly spread by the latter's enemies in the court party.

After the close of the session of the council of ministers, an official communication was issued, explaining that martial law in Poland, having produced the desired effect on the extremists, had been revoked at the request of General Skalon, the Governor-General of Poland, who is now holding out the hope that poles will participate in the elections for the duma.

THE MERIWETHER TRIAL FINISHED

By Associated Press. Annapolis, Dec. 1.—The court martial in the case of Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., who is being tried on the charge of manslaughter for causing the death of Midshipman James R. Branch in a fist fight, completed its work late this afternoon and adjourned. No information was given as to the findings of the court. The proceedings and record in the case will be forwarded to the Navy Department for review and the verdict will be announced from there.

NEWS NOTES OF BLOUNTSTOWN

Special to The Journal. Blountstown, Nov. 30.—Cane grinding is the principal feature in and around Blountstown. Thanksgiving cut a swath in the turkey family around Blountstown. Services were held at the M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. Freeman of Bristol. Dr. Rhoden has purchased the old home of Mrs. H. G. Fannin near the bluff. The preliminary trial of R. M. Flowers, charged with the murder of Mrs. Little Parish was to have been held Tuesday but on account of some material witnesses for the state being absent the trial was postponed until December 9th. Mr. I. A. Jessup of the A. P. Thomas Drug Co., of Columbus, Ga., was in Blountstown Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hentz attended the wedding of Mr. J. R. Jennings to Miss Maggie Logan at Cypress Wednesday. The K. of P., Elks Lodge No. 82, held a meeting last Monday night in their Castle Hall and every knight was requested to be present next Monday night for the purpose of electing officers for the next semi-annual term.

NINE BURNED TO DEATH NEAR MOBILE

Two White Men and Seven Colored Men Met Death on Burning Houseboat.

By Associated Press. Mobile, Dec. 1.—Nine men, two of them white, were burned to death early today on the middle river, twenty-five miles above Mobile. The men occupied a house boat, from which they were engaged in logging. One of them, Sidney Wheat, a negro cook, was aroused by sickness and heard the cracking of timbers and calling to his sleeping companions, jumped into the river. All slept on the second or upper deck and Wheat barely reached the water when the upper works collapsed, precipitating the others into the fiery furnace below.

BIG VIRGINIA TIMBER DEAL

By Associated Press. Asheville, N. C., Nov. 1.—It is reported that George W. Vanderbilt has sold to Charlotte parties the standing timber in the Pisgah forest reserve, which contains eighty-one thousand acres of virgin forest, with three hundred million feet of timber. The consideration was nearly two million dollars, and twenty years will be required to remove the timber.

INDICTED ON TWO CHARGES

WELL KNOWN ST. LOUIS PUBLISHER IN TROUBLE WITH UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Dec. 1.—Two indictments were returned to-day by the Federal grand jury against E. G. Lewis, president of the People's United States Bank and the publisher of the Woman Magazine and Woman's Farm Journal. One indictment charges a scheme to defraud in using the mails to induce persons to subscribe for stock and deposit money in his bank. The other charges conspiracy to defraud the government out of large sums of money in postage on the two publications of the Lewis Publishing Company.

PREPARING FOR VETS. REUNION

COMMITTEES ANXIOUS TO HAVE EVERY VETERAN IN ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 14.

The Jacksonville Metropolis says: Yesterday afternoon the various committees interested in the coming reunion of the Confederate Veterans held a meeting in the office of ex-Gov. F. P. Fleming and discussed various matters in connection with the affair. Various reports were read and approved, and it was decided to make an appeal to the newspapers of the state to spread broadcast the announcement of the special low rates secured through the transportation companies from all sections of Florida. The executive committee is very anxious to have every old veteran in Florida present, and thousands of visitors are expected.

Brig. Gen. Charles P. Lovell was unanimously chosen grand marshal of the parade, which takes place on Thursday, December 14th. All the details of this parade will be entirely in charge of General Lovell, and its success therefore is already assured. Ex-Gov. Fleming reported that the Florida Yacht Club had decided to postpone their regular hop, originally set for the evening of December 14th, to a later date, in order that there might be no conflict with the ball tendered the sponsors on that evening. This courteous action was appreciated, and a resolution was offered and unanimously passed, inviting every member of the Yacht Club to attend the sponsors' ball.

The chairman of the committee on entertainment reported that all arrangements had been completed for the entertainment of the division and brigade sponsors and made of honor.

DRAMATIC CLIMAX TO THE BOSTON DRESS SUIT CASE

Dr. McLeod Denies Any Connection With It Except Performing Operation to Save Woman's Life.

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 1.—The jury which has been hearing the evidence in the trial of Dr. Percy McLeod, the Back Bay physician charged with being an accessory to the performance of an illegal operation upon Susanna Geary, the dress suit case victim, retired to consider the testimony late this afternoon having been instructed by the judge to seal their verdict should one be reached to-night and present it to-morrow morning. The proceedings to-day furnished a dramatic climax to the already sensational case. Dr. McLeod in his own defence, testified that he did not dismember the body of the chorus girl. He denied he had ever had any connection with "Mrs. Dr. Bishop," at whose office the operation is alleged to have been performed. According to Dr. McLeod's testimony, he was called to the Winthrop street house, where the girl died, by Dr. John H. Pettie, who a few days ago testified that he was summoned there by Dr. McLeod. He testified that his only connection with the case was the performing of an operation known as laparotomy, the only hope he claimed, of saving the woman's life.

PORTE MUST REPLY TO THE POWERS BY SUNDAY NOON

IF DEMANDS ARE NOT DEFINITELY ACCEPTED BY THAT TIME INTERNATIONAL FLEET WILL OCCUPY THE ISLANDS OF LEMNOS AND IMBROS.

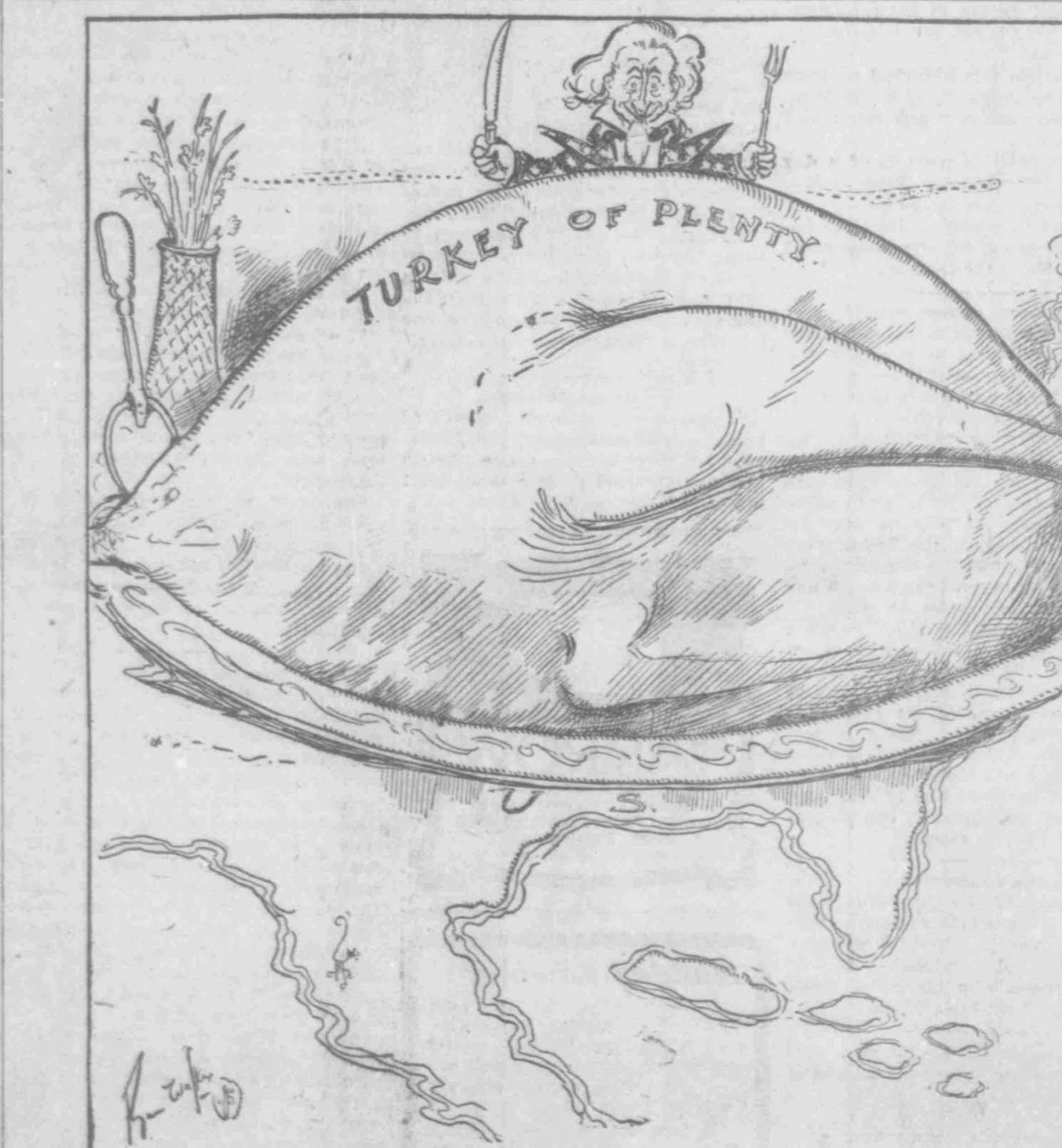
By Associated Press. Athens, Dec. 1.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer arrived here to-day and reported that the Turkish governor of Mytilene yesterday presented to the commander of the International fleet a dispatch from Constantinople, in which it was stated that the porte would accept demands of the powers for financial control of Macedonia with certain modifications. The admiral replied that if the porte had not definitely accepted the demands of the powers by Sunday noon the international fleet would occupy the islands of Lemnos and Imbros.

Entire Family Wiped Out By Explosion of Gas Main

By Associated Press. Weston, W. Va., Dec. 1.—Charles Douglass, a farmer, his wife and two children were instantly killed last night by the explosion of a gas main running past their home, three miles from here. Their home was wrecked and later caught fire, almost consuming the bodies. The explosion was felt for a distance of five miles and caused much excitement. It is supposed the main sprung a leak, and that the gas was in some way ignited.

BARGE FOUNDERED; STATEMENT OF PUBLIC DEBT

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 1.—The foundering of the steel barge Delawanna and the loss of four persons aboard, including Capt. John B. Munsey and his wife, was reported today by the tug Scranton which had been towing the Delawanna from New York. One member of the crew was saved. The barge sank in heavy sea at about eight-thirty last night, and went down so quickly there was no time to save the crew.



UNCLE SAM—I LIKE TO SEE IT THIS WAY. ENOUGH THANKSGIVING TURKEY FOR THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

CASE OF WILLIAMS IS IN HANDS OF JURY

TURNER OUSTED; ZELIUS CHAIRMAN

This Was the Action Taken Last Night by the Board of Public Works at a Meeting Which Was Interesting from Start to Finish.

RAWLINGS AND SONS TO DIE JAN. 6.

Death Sentence Imposed Upon Slayers of Carter Children at Valdosta.

By Associated Press. Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 1.—The death sentence was today imposed upon J. G. Rawlings, his two sons, Milton and Jesse, and the negro Alf Moore, all convicted of the murder of the two Carter children last June. The day for the execution is January sixth. Leonard Rawlings was given a life sentence.

The elder Rawlings protested the innocence of his sons, who also declared themselves innocent. The negro, on whose evidence the others were convicted, declared he killed neither of the children, but was with the boys when they committed the double crime.

ARMY AND NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

By Associated Press. Princeton, N. J., Dec. 1.—Already large crowds have begun to pour into Princeton preliminary to the big football game between the Army and Navy tomorrow. The Navy squad of thirty men arrived tonight. The gridiron is covered with two feet of snow and promises to be in perfect condition.

REFUSED TO RE-INSTATE GINGLES OR FIRE LONG, AND AS A FINAL CLIMAX RESCINDED ITS FORMER ACTION IN ELECTING CHAS. H. TURNER AS CHAIRMAN.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Board of Public Works held in many years, was conducted last night. Those present were Chairman Turner, Mayor Bliss and Alex Zelius. The meeting bordered on the sensational during the latter portion of the session, inasmuch as after turning down three resolutions offered by the chairman, it finally passed a resolution rescinding its former action in electing Chas. H. Turner as chairman, and then placed Alex Zelius at the head of the department.

The meeting convened at 6 o'clock, and after reading and approving the minutes the business was taken up. The first matter to come up was the application of F. C. Brent to erect a three-story building on Palafox street, and to erect a warehouse on Garden street, between Palafox and Baylen. The permit was granted.

Lowman & Co., contractors asked permission to place a building on the vacant lot just north of the convent, to be used as an office and another for storing lime and cement, and also for permission to run a fence about six feet high on Palafox street in front of where the new Brent building is to be erected, in order to protect pedestrians from injury by the possible falling of heavy material. This is understood to be within six feet of the car track. This permission was granted, provided the city attorney passed favorably upon same.

W. E. Anderson asked permission to place two hitching posts in front of the Masonic Temple, which was granted, provided they were within six inches of the awning posts.

Turner's Resolution. Chairman Turner then introduced a resolution, the effect of which was to have the chairman of the board preside at all meetings. This has always been the custom but some time since Mayor Bliss was requested to act as chairman.

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W. A. Blount, Jr., who represented former Superintendent Gingles was present and stated that in justice to Mr. Bliss it should be stated in the resolution that he had been requested to act as chairman, as such was a fact. After considering the matter for a few moments Mr. Turner agreed to change the resolution, and it was passed as follows:

"Whereas, The mayor has been presiding over the meetings of this board by the sanction and request of said board; and

"Whereas, The city charter provides that a member of the Board of Public Works, other than the mayor, shall be elected chairman of said board; and

"Whereas, It is the office of said chairman to preside at all meetings of said board; and

"Resolved, That at this meeting and all subsequent meetings of this board the chairman of the board shall be the presiding officer."

Turner Presiding. After the passage of this resolution Mr. Turner assumed the chair, but a few moments afterwards asked Mr. Zelius to preside, as he desired to offer a resolution. This resolution was as follows:

"Resolved, That the resolution removing Chas. H. Gingles from his office as street superintendent of the City of Pensacola passed at a meeting of the Board of Public Works on Oct. 18, 1905, at which meeting there were present only Chas. H. Bliss and Alex Zelius, was ineffective, because the said removal was void and illegal, and no written charges had been preferred against the said Chas. H. Gingles, and because no recommendation had been made by the chairman of said board looking to the removal of the said Chas. H. Gingles."

This immediately brought on a discussion, participated in by Mr. Blount.

Argument Concluded at 4:30 and Jury Locked Up for Night at 9 o'clock.

THE INSANITY PLEA

Touched Upon by All Attorneys for the Defense

FINAL ARGUMENT DELIVERED BY STATE'S ATTORNEY KEHOE, AFTER WHICH JUDGE CARTER CHARGED THE JURY, THE READING OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS CONSUMING OVER AN HOUR.

Special to The Journal. Marianna, Fla., Dec. 1.—The Williams murder trial went to the jury this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, when Judge Carter delivered his charge to the jury and the twelve men retired to deliberate upon the deed of William F. Williams, who has been on trial here since Monday for the murder of Edwin C. Danahy, of Pensacola.

Last night after C. Moreno Jones completed his argument, which was one of the ablest ever listened to in the state, others followed. Attorney Watson argued the case upon the convening of court on that night and he was followed by C. L. Wilson, both of whom spoke at length. Mr. Watson being for the defense and Mr. Wilson for the prosecution. When these arguments were concluded court adjourned until this morning.

Upon convening this morning Attorney Price for the defense delivered the opening argument, which was highly spoken of, and he held the court's attention for two hours or more. He was followed by Judge L. J. Reeves, also for the defense, who spoke ably for the defendant. All of the attorneys for the defense touched upon the insanity plea.

State Attorney J. Walter Kehoe had the closing argument and he held the attention of the court and audience for several hours, during which time he recited the case from the beginning to the end. He spoke of the families of the deceased, and of the manner in which Williams had been treated by his former employer. It was 4:30 o'clock when he concluded.

Judge Carter then charged the jury. His charge was an able one. He cited the law in such cases, the punishment for the commitment of such a crime, and instructed the jury upon all points connected with the case. His charge to the jury continued until 5:35 o'clock, when adjournment was taken until 8:30 o'clock. At that hour the jury had not reached a verdict, and after remaining in the court room until 9 o'clock the court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

MANY DISASTERS ON GREAT LAKES

By Associated Press. Detroit, Dec. 1.—The Journal says today that one hundred and forty-nine lives were sacrificed more than seventy ships wrecked and a loss of nearly seven million dollars sustained as a result of the storms of this season which were the most destructive in shipping in the history of the lakes.

Nineteen Perished. Chicago, Dec. 1.—The steel steamer Ira N. Owen was wrecked during the great storm on Lake Superior last Tuesday and it is believed here that the crew of nineteen men perished.

OBJECT TO PRICES CHARGED AT GAMES

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 1.—Representatives of the Big Nine Athletic Conference, at the annual meeting here today, entered a protest against the high prices of admission charged for inter-collegiate football games, and passed a resolution declaring that the maximum admission charge to these contests should not be more than fifty cents. This resolution, which was introduced by Prof. Barton, of Illinois, was passed by unanimous vote.

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